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Dark Energy Survey Activities

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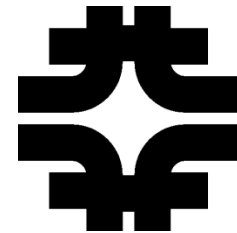
Also: Rahul Biswas (UIUC) (post-doc starting next month),
Kohki Konishi (applying for Director's Post-doc Fellowship)

Outline

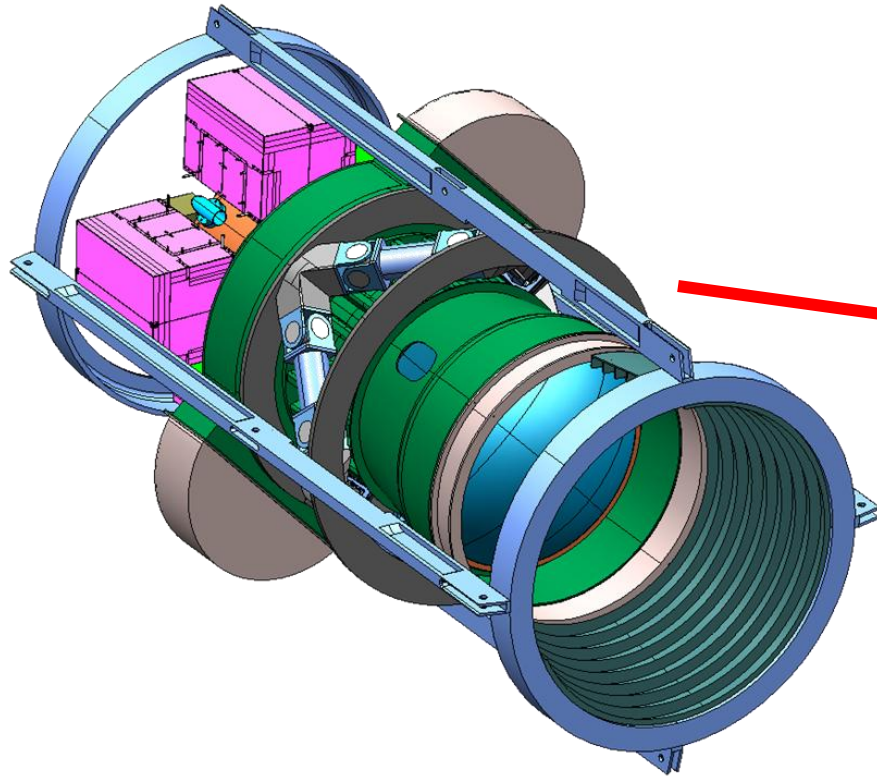
- Building/Commissioning DECam
- PreCam (e.g., “mini-DECam”)
- Specialized studies of DECam CCDs
- Supernova Science
- Supercomputing (Cosmology and Supernovae)
- DES Cluster Science and the South Pole Telescope



DARK ENERGY
SURVEY



Dark Energy Camera (DECam), many roles for ANL

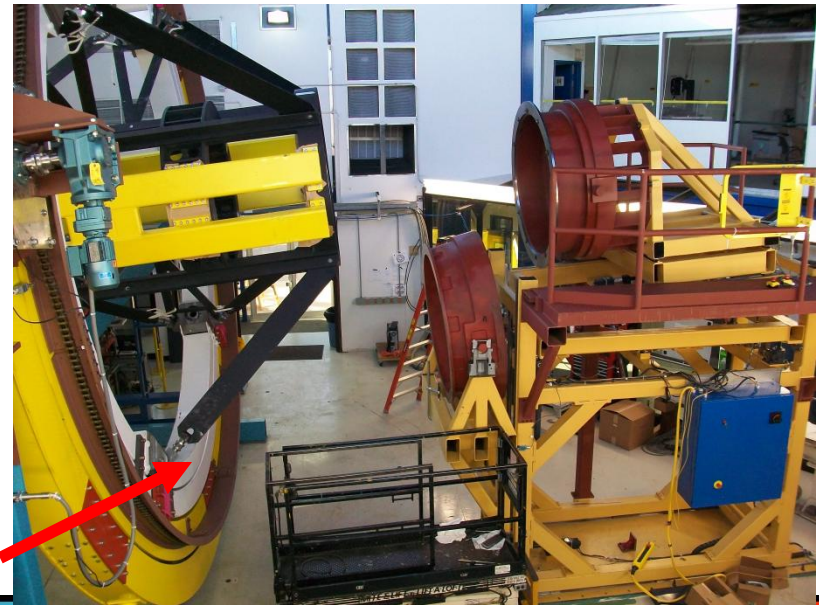


- *CCD analysis of Traps (production testing code)*
- *CCD focal plane thermal analysis*
- *Instrument Control System – ANL L3 manager (Shutter control, Filters, CCD Temps, Vacuum, LN2, ...)*
- *Electronics cooling system – ANL L3 manager*
- *Filter changer installation mechanism – ANL L3*

f/8 Handling System

- Used to install and remove the f/8 secondary mirror from DECam
- Lead Engineer Allen Zhao (ANL) led the design, procurement, assembly and testing at ANL, now leading mating tests with DECam at FNAL.
- Currently being tested at FNAL
- First piece of DECam to go through acceptance testing
- Will go through hand-off and shipping process to CTIO this summer

White rings also engineered at ANL



Mosaic Image Using Prototype DECam Imager (currently using poor-grade CCDs)

SK
Allen Zhao



PreCam: a “mini-DECam,” led by Kyler Kuehn ANL post-doc

- Science motivation for pre-survey observations with DECam hardware
 - 0.01 calibrated stars/image w/o PreCam:
 - ~1000/image with SNR>50 with PreCam
 - reach 2% photometry requirement faster (1 yr vs 2yr?)
 - better chance to reach 1% photometry goal
 - possible 10% savings (~\$1M!) in telescope time
 - calibration is currently largest SN dark energy uncertainty
- Test-bed for DECam hardware, software, and observing strategies
- Schedule is for August 11th mechanical test at CTIO, first light Aug 18
- PreCam components being tested now in HEP
 - pressure vessel, vacuum system, cryo-cooler
 - shutter control system: same as DECam
 - temperature control system: can regulate the CCD & vessel to 0.25K
 - electronics readout crate and DAQ software: same as DECam
 - DECam CCD

PreCam Hardware



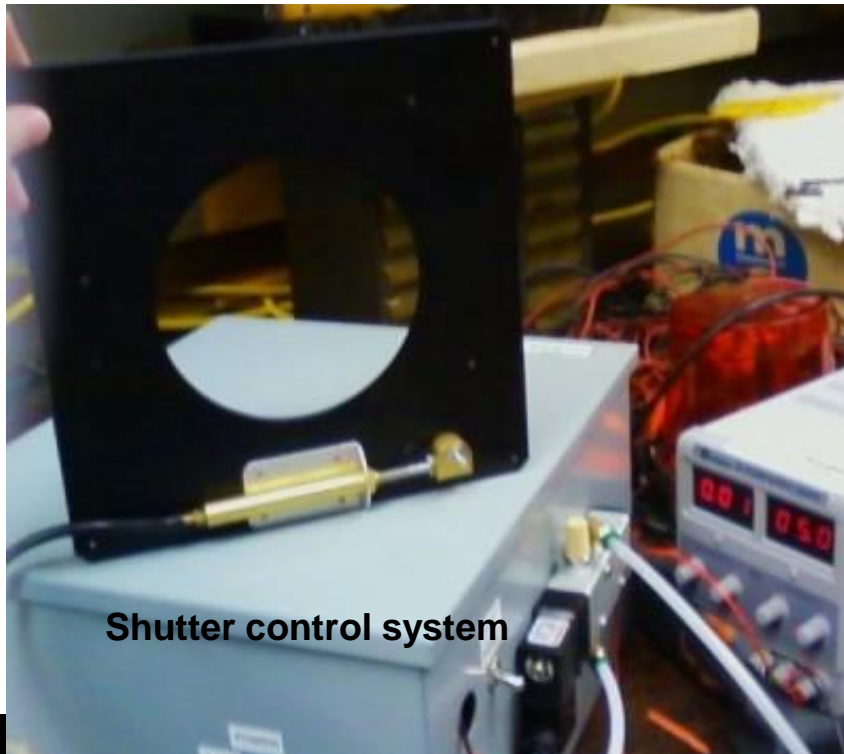
Test CCD Installation at ANL



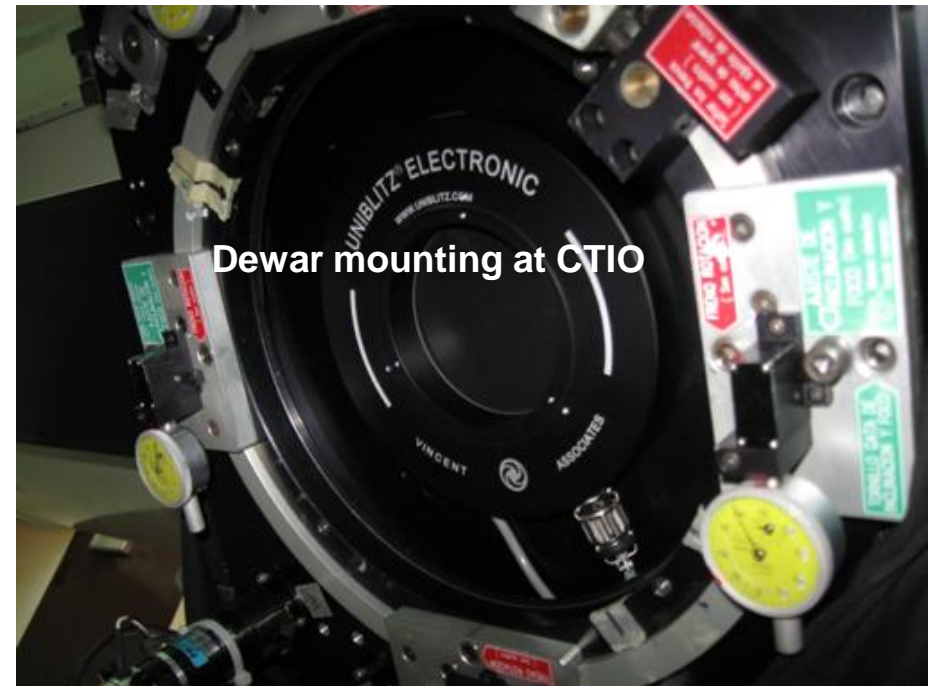
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Real CCD Installation at FNAL

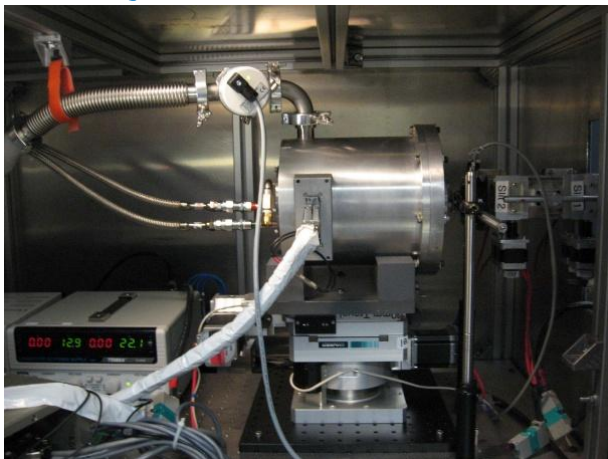


Shutter control system



Dewar mounting at CTIO

DECam Charged Coupled Device Studies: X-ray irradiation studies in APS X-ray Lab



Paper Submitted

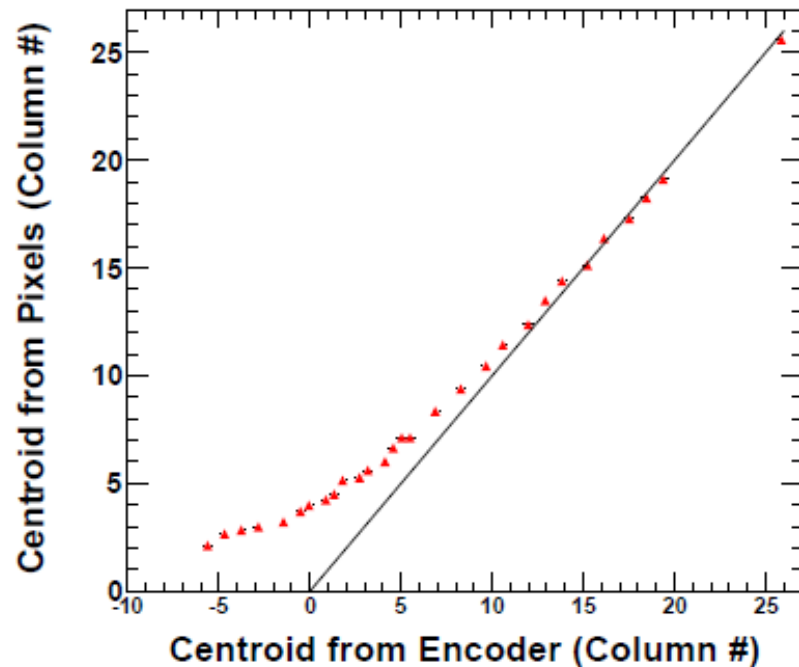
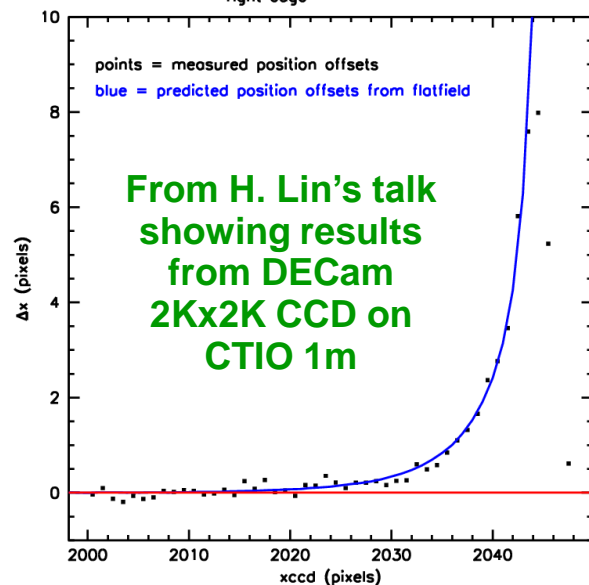
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Narrow-Beam X-Ray Tests of CCD Edge Response

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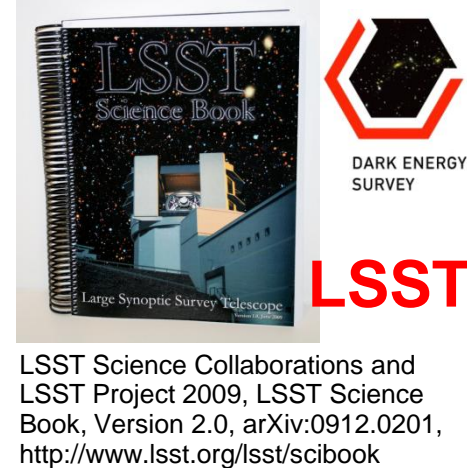
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Abstract The physical boundaries of a fully-depleted CCD can lead to distorted field lines and non-uniform response. We study this response with a beam of x-rays constrained to a width of less than one pixel ($15 \mu\text{m}$), and a system to map the CCD response as a function of transverse position.



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PHOTOMETRIC ESTIMATES OF REDSHIFTS AND DISTANCE MODULI FOR TYPE IA SUPERNOVAE

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SUPERNOVA PHOTOMETRIC CLASSIFICATION CHALLENGE

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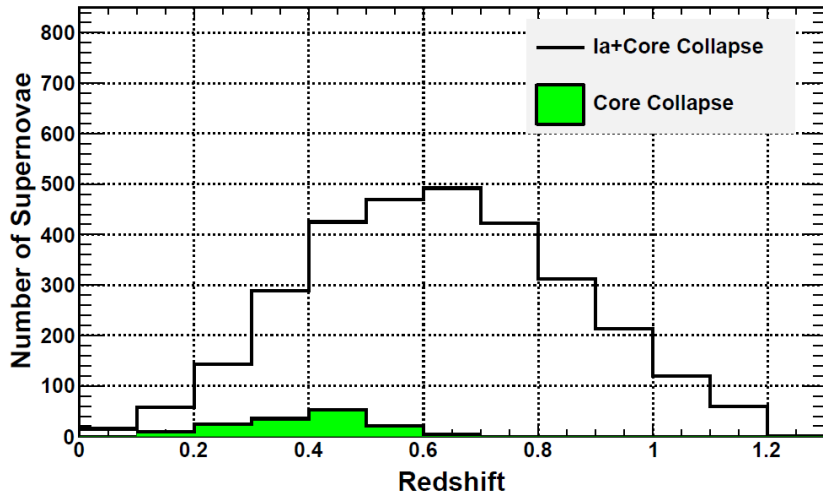
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**ANL Group positioned
 to lead DES SN
 analysis**

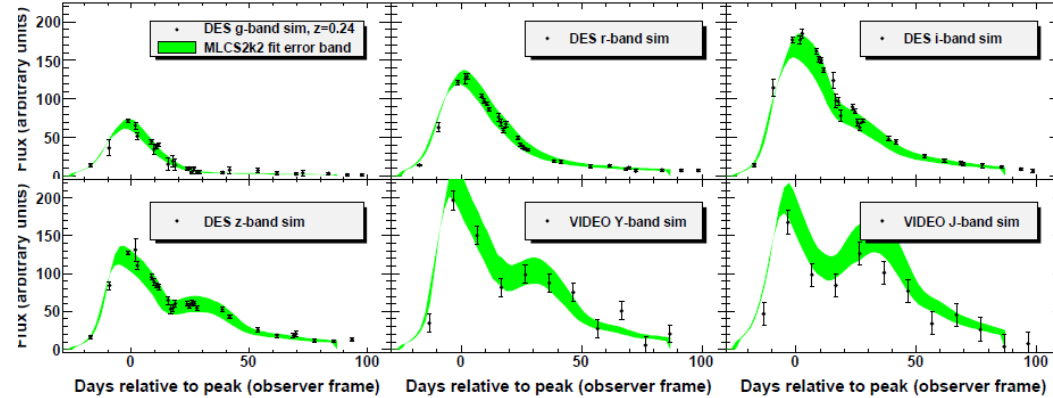
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Important aspects of the DES Supernova Survey

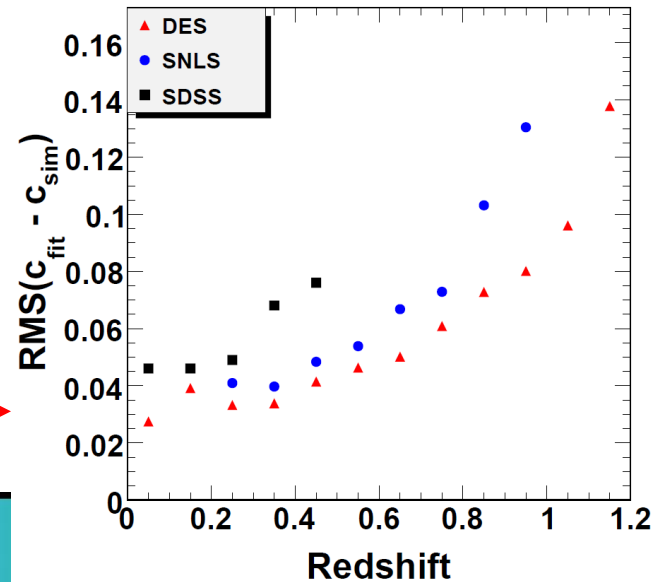
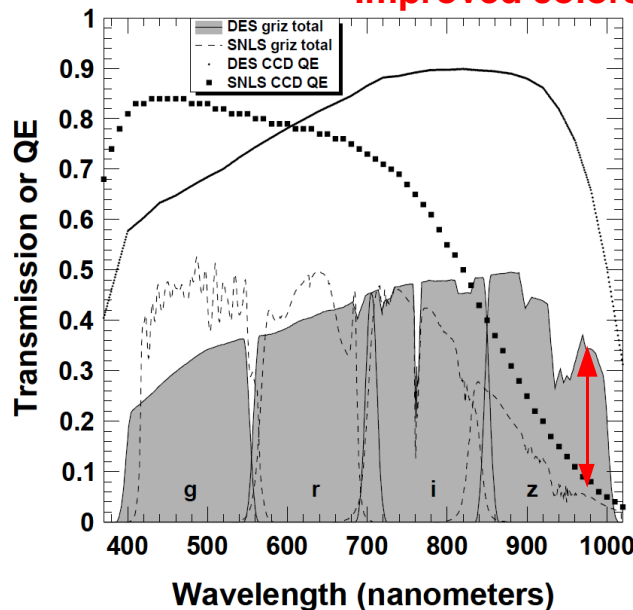
Deep survey (compared to Pan-STARRS)



Complementary Infrared information from VIDEO



Improved colors relative to SNLS & SDSS



Collaboration with Rockford High Schools on Supernova Studies

Dallas Turner part of 3-year ACTS program

Telescope/CCD bought last year with DES LDRD

First year goal achieved, see SN from Rockford

Second year goal, light curves in 3 filters, analysis with DES Terapix software



SN2009ls



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SN2010bj



Supercomputing at ANL: Cosmology and Supernovae

- ANL Blue Gene/P 160K processors, already used for FLASH SN.
- Previous 1-yr LDRD with UC/FNAL for cosmology.
- SK co-PI on successful joint ANL/UC/FNAL to push SN simulations forward and compare with data.
- J. Bernstein moved into Computational Fellowship Feb 15, working on both FLASH SN and cosmology.
- Offer being prepared for Salman Habib and Katrin Heitmann, leaders in computational cosmology.

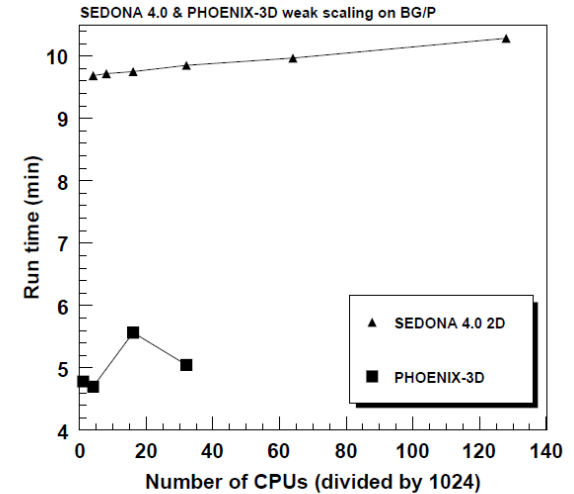
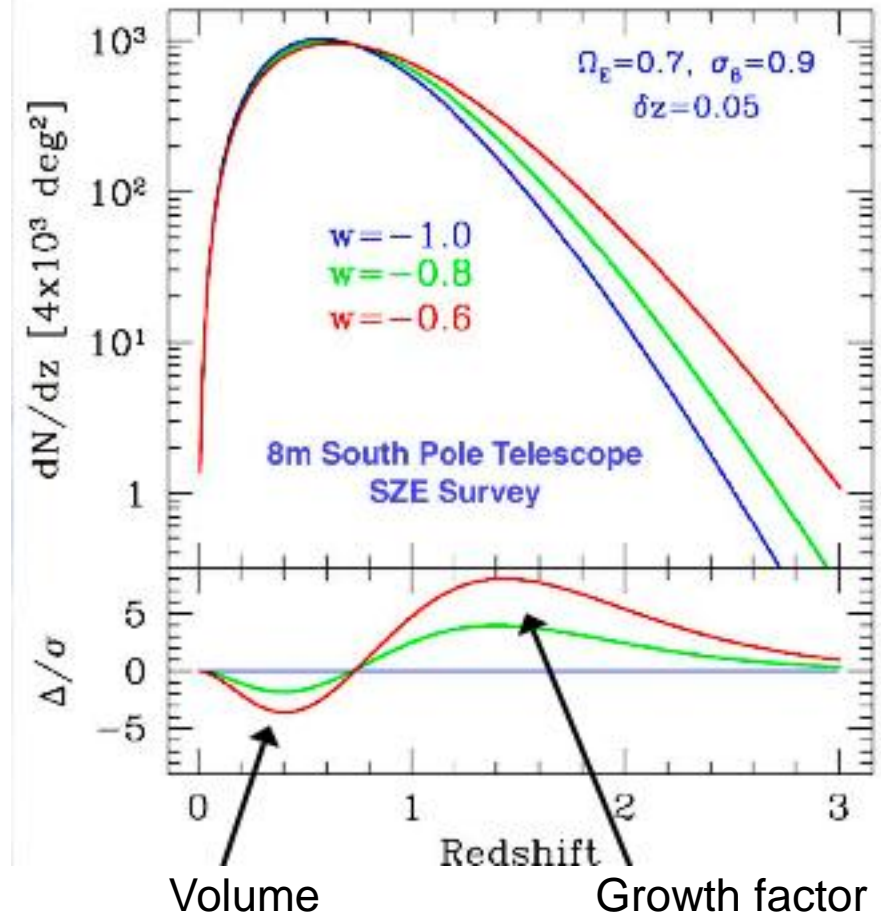


Figure 1: PHOENIX and SEDONA weak scaling on Blue Gene/P.

DES Galaxy Clusters and the South Pole Telescope

- Important part of DES science
- Will help separate dark energy effects from modified gravity.
- Opportunity for ANL/HEP to collaborate with UC and ANL/MSD on DES science and SPT hardware.



Conclusions

Important roles in DECam

Leadership role in DES calibrations/PreCam

DES Supernova Leader

Supercomputing Cosmology and Astrophysics ready to expand

DES Clusters/SPT Excellent Opportunity for ANL/HEP

Backup Slides:

DECam and PreCam Commissioning and Operations

	FY2011	FY2012-2016
DES Operations Support (shifts under research)	\$10K	\$0K (Real f/8 mirror install in 2012??)
PreCam Operations Support (shifts under research)	\$0K	\$0K
DES Research	1.5 FTE Staff 1.0 FTE Postdoc \$30K M&S	2.0 FTE Staff/year 2.0 Postdoc/year \$30K M&S
PreCam Research	0.5 FTE Staff 1.0 FTE Postdoc \$6K M&S	?? (Possible will want to take data during DECam operations)